



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 4

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

Citations Affected: Article 4, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana.

Synopsis: Minimum age requirements for legislators. Changes the age that an individual is eligible for election to the Indiana senate from 25 years of age to 21 years of age. Changes the age that an individual is eligible for election to the Indiana house of representatives from 21 years of age to 18 years of age. Provides that a member of the general assembly must be a resident of the district for two years preceding the member's election. (The current constitutional provision requires residency in the district for one year preceding a member's election.) Revises obsolete language.

Effective: This proposed amendment must be agreed to by two consecutive general assemblies and ratified by a majority of the state's voters voting on the question to be effective.

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January 12, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.



PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2015 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to Article 4, Section 7, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana concerning eligibility requirements for legislators.

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Indiana is proposed and agreed to by this, the One Hundred
3 Nineteenth General Assembly of the State of Indiana, and is referred
4 to the next General Assembly for reconsideration and agreement.
- 5 SECTION 2. ARTICLE 4, SECTION 7 OF THE CONSTITUTION
6 OF THE STATE OF INDIANA IS AMENDED TO READ AS
7 FOLLOWS: Section 7. ~~No person shall~~ **To** be a Senator or a
8 Representative, ~~who,~~ **an individual**, at the time of ~~his~~ election, ~~is not~~
9 **must satisfy all of the following:**
- 10 (1) **The individual must be** a citizen of the United States. ~~nor any~~
11 ~~one who has not~~
- 12 (2) **The individual must have** been, for two years next preceding



1 his election, an inhabitant of this State, and, Indiana.

2 **(3) The individual must have been, for one year two years** next
3 preceding his election, an inhabitant of the district whence he may
4 be chosen. **Senators shall from which the individual seeks**
5 **election.**

6 **(4) An individual who wants to be elected a Senator must be**
7 at least twenty-five, and Representatives twenty-one years of
8 age. **An individual who wants to be elected a Representative**
9 **must be at least twenty-one eighteen** years of age.

